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I will soon reintroduce legislation to create the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Beginning in 2020, the program will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums



have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this bill, please feel free to contact Dominic Paretti in my office at 4-5079 or [Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov](mailto:Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov) by 3 pm Friday, January 27, 2017.

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### **KASICH OUTLINES 2017 VISION IN FACE OF BUDGET SHORTFALL**

Gov. John Kasich says he is creating a position for a chief innovation officer to pursue and oversee developments in emerging technologies, such as education technology, robotics and data analytics.



### **KASICH NOT BACKING OFF TOUGH GRADUATION STANDARDS**

Despite a Statehouse protest by Ohio superintendents two months ago, Gov. John Kasich said Thursday that he won't back down from tough new state high-school graduation requirements.

### **ANTI-DEATH PENALTY COALITION URGES OHIO NOT TO RESUME EXECUTIONS**

At the exact hour a convicted Ohio killer was originally to be executed Thursday, opponents of capital punishment gathered at the Statehouse to urge state officials not to resume lethal injection after a three-year hiatus.

### **UTILITIES PUSH FOR TOUGH REGULATIONS ON SUBMETER COMPANIES**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio plans to regulate submeter companies, but the state's largest electricity utilities say that regulators are not going far enough to rein in abusive practices by these companies.

### **SPEAKER ROSENBERGER APPOINTS HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERS**

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, R-Clarksville, has named committee chairs and vice-chairs for the 2017-18 legislative session.

## THE PLAIN DEALER

**BUSINESS LEADERS ON SCHOOL BOARDS AMONG IDEAS GOV. JOHN KASICH  
PLANS TO PUT IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday dropped a few more hints about the policy changes tucked into his last two-year state budget.

**OHIO DEATH PENALTY OPPONENTS URGE END TO EXECUTIONS OF MENTALLY  
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Ohio death penalty opponents on Thursday urged Gov. John Kasich and state lawmakers not to resume executions next month after three years of delays.

**FORMER YOUNGSTOWN MAYOR JAY WILLIAMS CONSIDERS RUN FOR  
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Jay Williams, the former Youngstown mayor and outgoing Obama administration official, is getting serious about a run for Ohio governor in 2018.

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**RIGHT-TO-WORK WEAKENS UNIONS, BUT WILL IT BRING JOBS?**

Unions terrify some employers.

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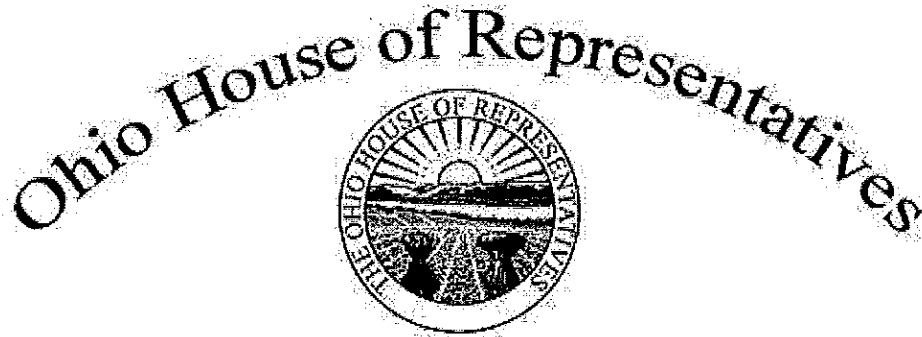
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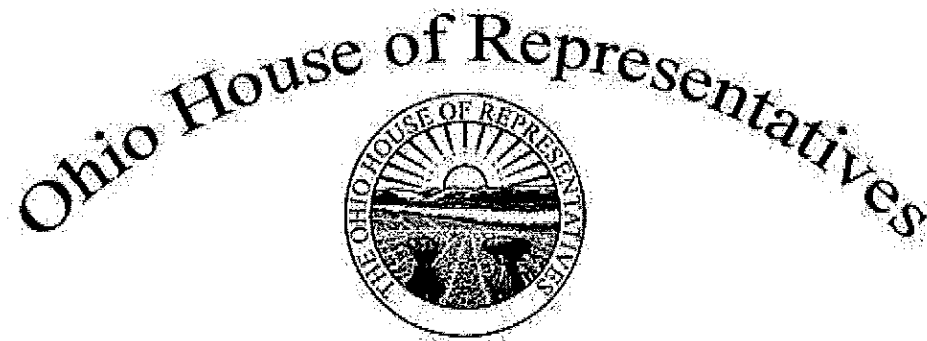
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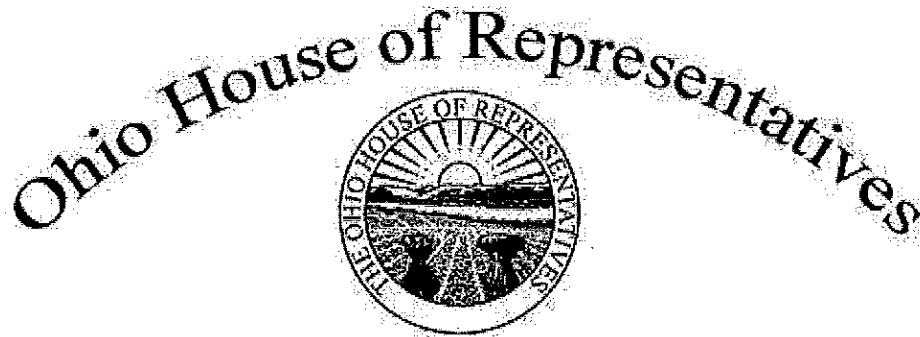
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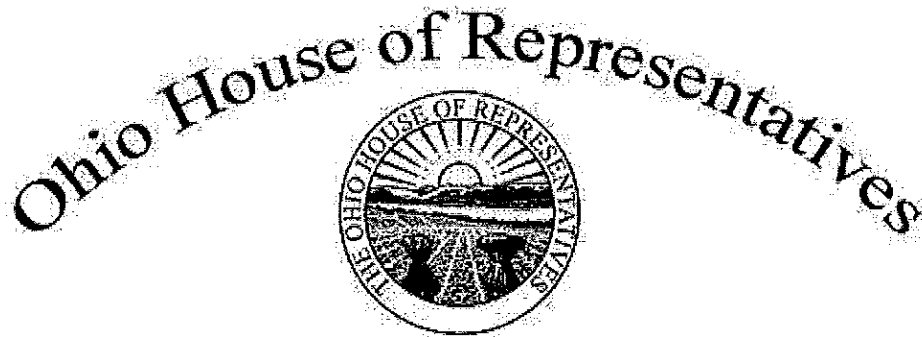
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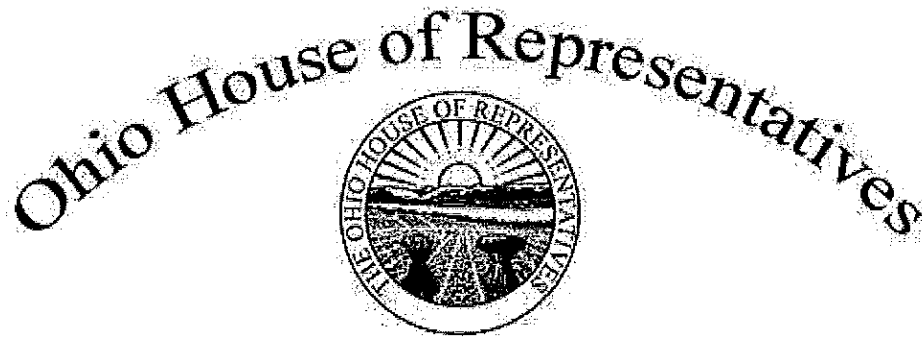
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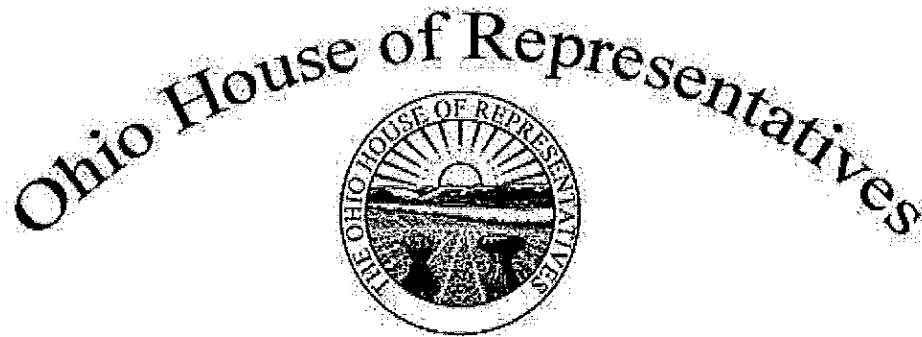
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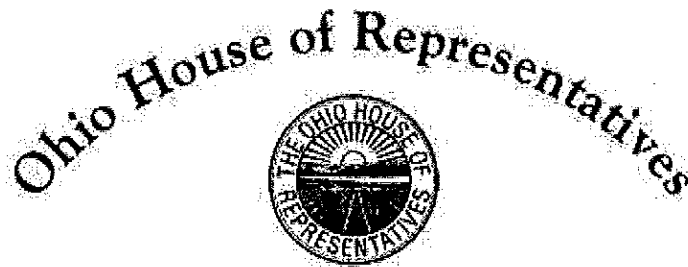
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**CC:** House\_All  
**Subject:** Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook



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**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** House\_All  
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Representative Kristin Boggs has been added as a Joint Sponsor &

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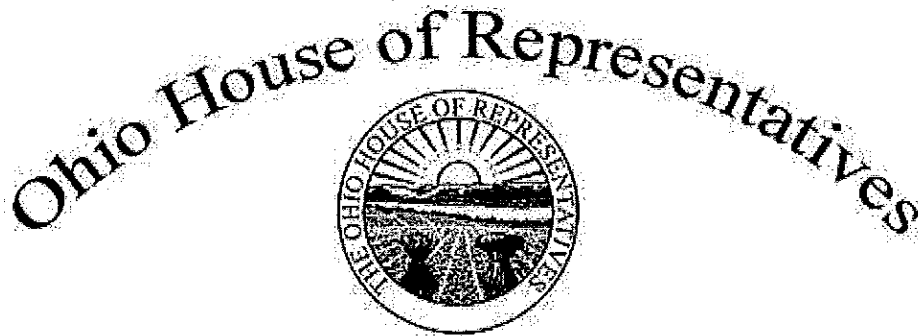
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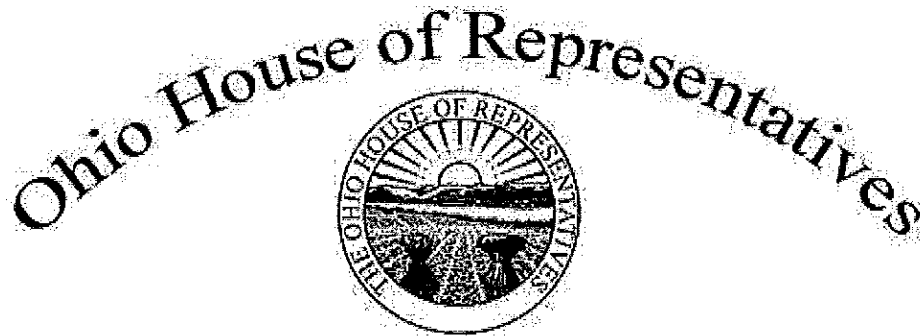
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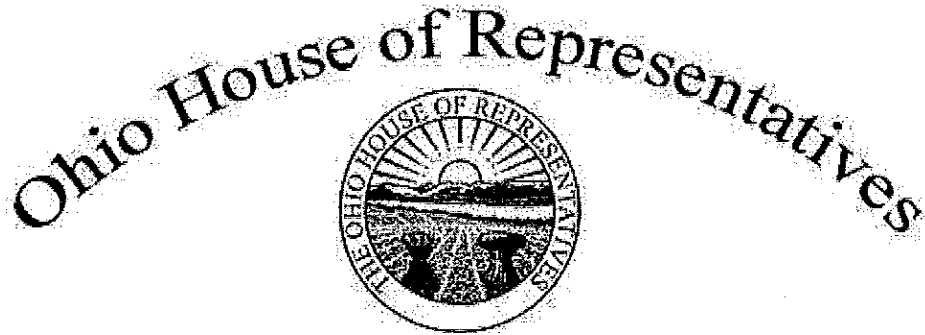
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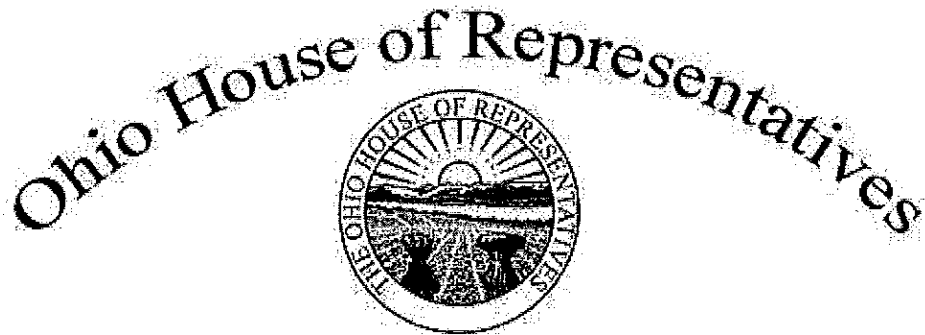
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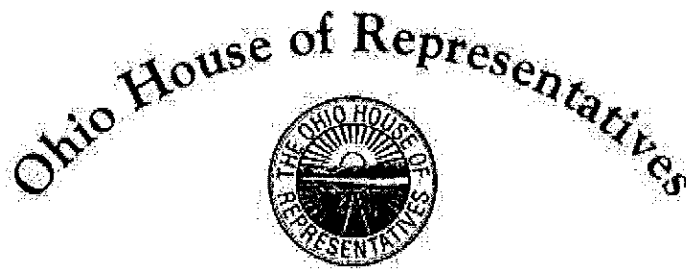
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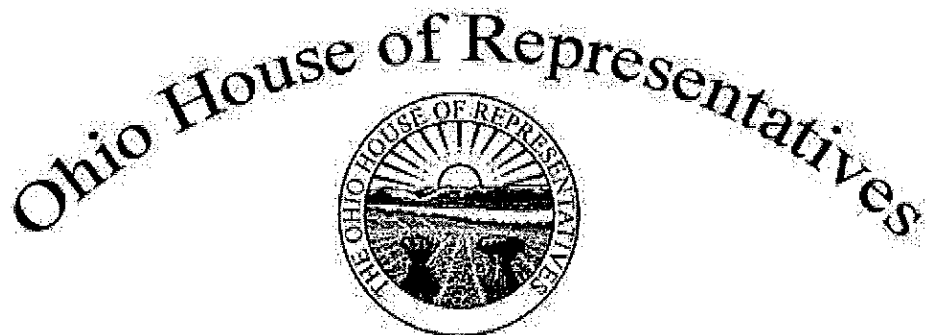
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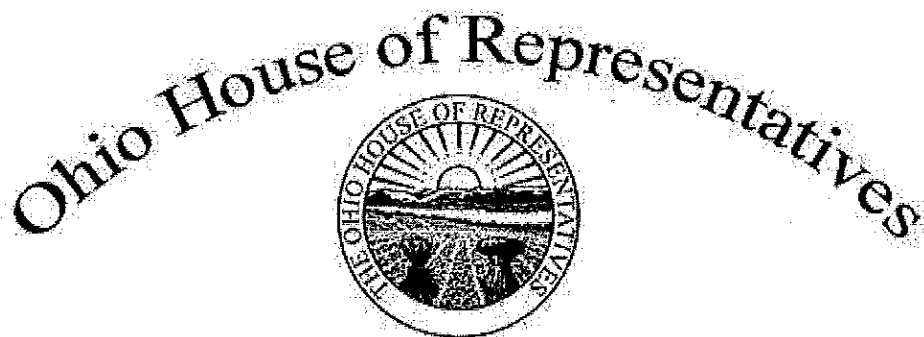
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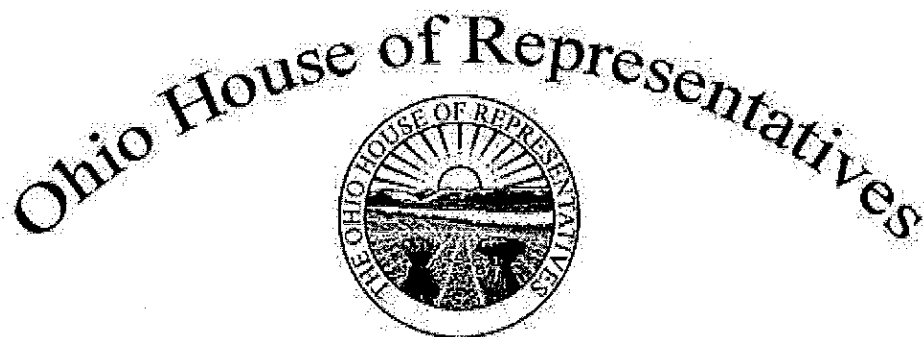
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**Current co-sponsors are Representatives Hood, Brinkman, Dean, Thompson, Vitale, Goodman, Riedel, Roegner, Merrin, Antani, Zeltwanger, and Keller. If you would like to join, please note the deadline is TODAY at 5 PM.**

**\*\*REMINDER: Deadline extended to Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 5 PM.\*\***



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- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
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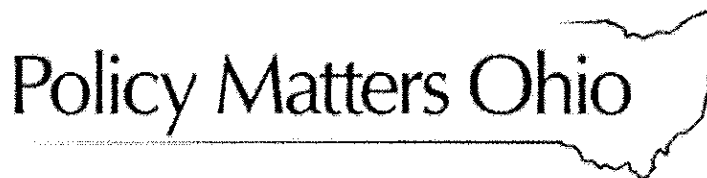
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## **Nomination of Acosta for Secretary of Labor a likely improvement** **Vetting needed, but new nominee appears friendlier to workers**

After the failed nomination of Andrew Puzder for Secretary of Labor, the Trump administration put forward Alexander Acosta, dean of the Florida International University College of Law and former assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division under President George W. Bush. Policy Matters Ohio sees this move as a step in the right direction for working people.


"Rigorous vetting is still needed but unlike Puzder, Acosta does not appear to be a nominee bent on dismantling the institution he is set to lead," said Hannah Halbert, researcher with Policy Matters Ohio. "The Department of Labor must be dedicated to welfare and safety of wage-earners. Not their bosses."

Ohioans value worker rights. The state overwhelmingly voted down laws that sought to restrict collective bargaining and voted in support of a state constitutional amendment that increased and indexed the minimum wage. As hearings begin, working people of Ohio will want to know where Acosta stands on these issues. Policy Matters will look for evidence that Acosta will work for safe and healthy workplaces, more and better jobs, and a better life for working people in Ohio and the United States.

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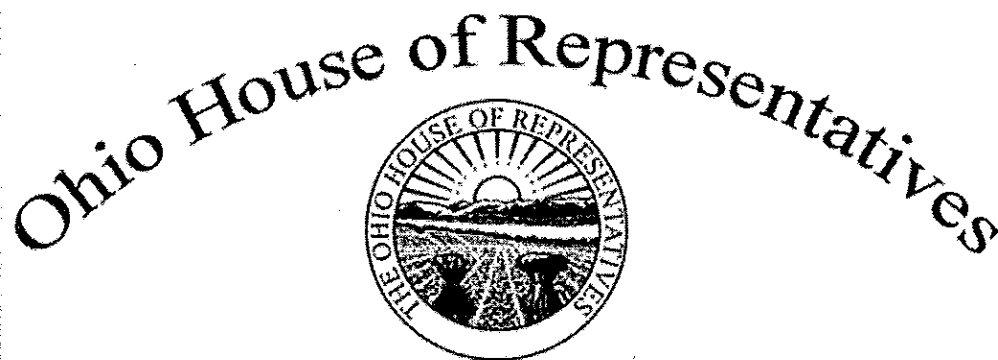
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**COMMITTEE:** The House Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations

**CHAIR:** Kristina D. Roegner

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017

**ROOM:** Statehouse Room 115

**TIME:** **4:00 PM**

Committee Agenda:

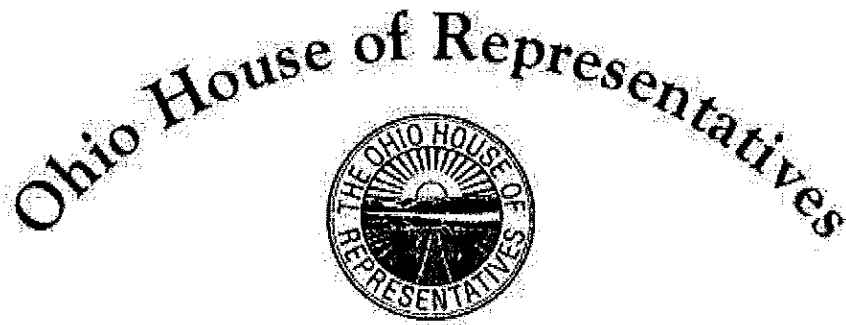
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**CC:** Kasych, Shawn; Springhetti, Blake; Myers, Marisa; Faber, Keith; Dumski, Allie

**Subject:** RE: Sick Day Memos

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Regards,

Bill

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**From:** Merrin, Derek

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 9:27 AM

**To:** Kasych, Shawn <Shawn.Kasych@ohiohouse.gov>; Myers, Marisa <marisa.myers@ohiohouse.gov>; Seitz, Bill <Bill.Seitz@ohiohouse.gov>; Faber, Keith <Keith.Faber@ohiohouse.gov>

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FYI:

LSC has provided me research regarding state law mandating the number of sick/personal days.

The memos are attached.

All the best,  
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Retherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back." 4

**Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights**

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**The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud**

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**Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff**

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The Blade reports the bill introduced last week by state Rep. Derek Merrin would allow substitution only with the patient's permission. Doctors still can insist on the brand-name EpiPen. Merrin, a Republican, says he sees the bill as a national model, "free-market solution" to the Mylan pricing issue.

**The Morning Journal: Ohio Rep. Wes Retherford reintroduces bill aimed at curbing elder abuse**

State Rep. Wes Retherford= 2s Elder Justice Act unanimously cleared the Ohio House last year. ... Retherford, a Hamilton Republican, said changes have been made to the bill to address the issues raised.

**Dayton Daily News: Butler County lawmaker re-introduces elder abuse bill**

Retherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back.= 4

**Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights**

It's about freedom. I authored Ohio House Bill 53 to restore the freedom of association to public-sector employees. This right-to-work legislation provides public-sector workers the freedom to opt out of union representation and dues. A private sector right to work bill will soon be introduced by one of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Mount Vernon News: Goodwill opens in Fredericktown**

Rick Carfagna, State Representative of House District 68, was there to give the store an official welcome from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud**

Two lawmakers, Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, and Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, have proposed legislation that would add photos to food stamp EBT cards in an effort to

reduce "trafficking," in which recipients swap SNAP benefits for money. The bills are worth consideration.

**Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff**

State Representative Craig Riedel and State Senator Cliff Hite met this past week with representatives of the Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the recent annual "Conservation Partnership Meeting" held in downtown Columbus.

**The Morrow County Sentinel: Mount Gilead High School seniors engage education experts in discussion**

Ohio House Representative from District 87, Wesley A. Goodman also discussed state and national perspectives on education with the students.

**Record Herald: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Coming together to celebrate Ohio history**

It is no secret that I am a history enthusiast, especially when it comes to the stories of our state and nation. This week marked Ohio's 214th birthday, 214 years since its official induction into the United States.

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer honors essay winner**

"I was honored to be able to recognize Kalila for her tremendous work in this competition and I was pleased to be able to discuss her passion for the issues she addressed in her writing piece," Scherer said.

**Sentinel-Tribune: Gavarone appointed to House Finance Committee**

"I am honored by the speaker's decision to appoint me to House Finance Committee," Gavarone said. "I am excited to work with Chairman Smith and the other members of the Finance Committee as we move towards delivering a budget that benefits all citizens of Ohio."

**Salem News: State Representative honors Wilson as state champion**

"It was an absolute privilege to honor Jared with a resolution today," Ginter said. "Jared is a tremendously talented golfer, but also a very dedicated student for which he should be commended. I believe that Jared has a very bright future ahead."

**Record Herald: Peterson discusses tax policy with municipal leaders**

"It's important that we, as members of the House and Senate continue to meet with the representatives of our local municipalities, especially during the budget season," said Representative Anielski. "Hearing their concerns allows us to craft a better, more responsive budget for the state of Ohio that works well on every level of governance."

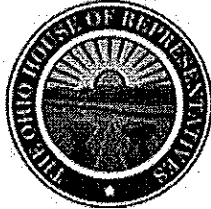
**WCMH: Ohio lawmakers hold first hearing on 'Judy's Law'**

"The judge and the prosecutor did their job the best they could under current law," Hughes said. "It's now time for us in the legislature to do our job to ensure that victims like Judy receive the justice they deserve."

**WSPD: Ohio lawmakers want harsher penalties for distracted driving**

"Law enforcement at that time would determine that distracted driving was the cause of the primary or contributing factor. The law enforcement officer could then charge an additional charge on with that which would be a minor misdemeanor," Hughes says.

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**The Lima News: McColley helps pass state transportation budget**

McColley also chairs the House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, which played a key role in crafting the bill. "House Bill 26 strikes a balance between financing Ohio's transportation priorities while being a responsible watchdog of taxpayer dollars," he said. "A lot of creative ideas and input went into the crafting of this budget, and I am confident that it will help Ohio meet its infrastructure needs in the future."

**Gallipolis Daily Tribune: Ohio House passes transportation budget**

"This infrastructure package is an important step to rebuild our communities," said House Finance Chair Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). "The transportation budget makes an investment of \$7.8 billion that will maintain our roads and improve our economic competitiveness."

**Cincinnati Business Courier: Cincinnati could reap big benefits from Ohio transportation bill**

"We all know there's not enough money to do everything we need to do," said Rep. Doug Green, R-Mount Orab, chairman of the House's transportation committee.

**Toledo Blade: Ohio House approves \$7.8B for transportation**

"This is a declining revenue source," said Rep. Robert McColley (R., Napoleon), the bill's sponsor. "Ohioans are paying less gas tax now than they have in years past. It's actually getting below the \$8 billion mark."

**Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer Votes for State Transportation Budget**

"I am pleased with the passage and to be a co-sponsor of the transportation budget," said Scherer. "This passage allows for us to put funding back into our state's infrastructure and continue growth all across the state of Ohio."